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In re application of

Rodney Alan CROSS, et al.

Confirmation No. Unknown

Application No. 10/565,172

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Filed: January 19, 2006

Examiner Unknown

Title: **IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ASPIRATING FACE SEALS AND  
THRUST BEARINGS**

**SMALL ENTITY CLAIM AND REQUEST FOR REFUND**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27

and requests that 1/2 of the original filing fee, namely \$600.00 be credited to Deposit Account

No. 25-0120 as this claim is filed within the three-month term.

Respectfully submitted,

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